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Basic Trainer Aircraft
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adequate training aircraft and trainees to provide much needed aircraft training to Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to buy Pilatus PC-7 MK II Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) to train IAF pilots;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard to train more IAF pilots; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to have adequate trained pilots and engineers to manage the air bases all over the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) to (e): A comprehensive roadmap for ab-initio training in IAF to increase training capacity is already in place. Acquisition of trainer aircraft is a continuous process and is based on the Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP).

The training is currently conducted on Pilatus PC-7 Mk-II, Kiran Mk-I/A and Hawk Mk-132 aircraft.

Government had contracted with M/s Pilatus Aircraft Ltd, Switzerland to supply 75 PC-7 Mk-II Basic Trainer Aircraft. Against this contract all 75 aircraft have been inducted in IAF by October 2015.

Further, there is no shortage of engineers in the IAF.

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